

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/773,629

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Petition for review on 11/17/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12, 14-17 renumbered as 1-16.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

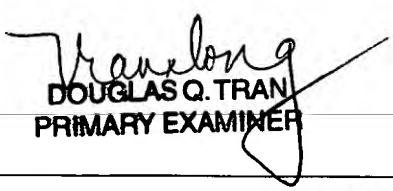
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Response to Petition

1. Applicant filed Petition on 11/17/06 under 37 CFR §1.181 AND §1.14 from Requirement of Restriction has been treated as a request for reconsideration. The examiner has reviewed the Petition. Upon further consideration, the Restriction Requirement, filed on December 29, 2005 and July 17, 2006, have been withdrawn.

Contact information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas Q. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-7442.

Mar. 12, 2007

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Tran', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 15 and 17 are recorded on the previous action filed on 10/18/06 and now claims 1-12, 14, and 16, which have the similar scopes, are in condition for allowance.

2. Claims 1-12, 14-17 are rejected as following:

Claims 1, 5, 9, 14-17 are independent claims.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As to claims 1, 5, and 9, the present invention from the application discloses a system for “judging whether or not the user is eligible for the printing service based on affirmation or denial of the authentication information by the collaborating system, wherein the user is capable of accessing the printing service via authentication information associated with the collaborating system”.

As to claims 14 and 16, the present invention from the application discloses a system for “judging whether or not the user is eligible for the printing service based on affirmation or denial of the authentication information by the chosen collaborating system, wherein the user is capable of accessing the printing service via authentication information that is associated with at least one of a plurality of collaborating systems”.

As to claims 15 and 17, the present invention from the application discloses a system for “judging whether or not the user is eligible for the printing service based on affirmation or denial of the authentication information by the appropriate collaborating system, wherein the user is capable of accessing the printing service via authentication information associated with a selected one of the collaborating system from the plurality of collaborating systems”

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The closest prior art such as Matsuyama et al. (US Patent No. 6,886,028), Kemp et al. (US Pub. No. 2002/0078160 A1), and Swanson (U.S. Patent No. 2002/0013784 A1), which is recorded on the Examiner's Remark, fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Examiner's Remark

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Matsuyama et al. (US Patent No. 6,886,028) discloses upon receiving from the client an entry made by a user, the WWW server must prepare a WWW page containing the setup procedures that accompany a printing order issued to a corresponding print server (a printer), and must transmit the page to the client. Furthermore, various information, such as the input of a user ID and a password, the selection of a print server to act as an output shop and the selection of a printing medium to receive the Internet printing service, must be exchanged with a client when preparing the printing order.

Kemp et al. (US Pub. No. 2002/0078160 A1) discloses the list of service providers is

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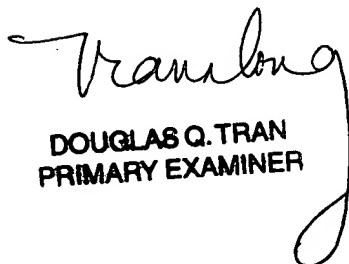
displayed by print driver interface on the display of computer. The user can then select one or more of the service providers from the list, whereby print driver interface again activates and displays Remote Printing To Service Providers window with the selected service provider information displayed in box. To confirm the selected service provider, the user selects the OK button in window, whereby Remote Printing To Service Providers properties window is closed and print driver interface again activates and displays window. Upon returning to window after selecting a service provider, if the user selects print button at this time, his print request will be denied by the service provider because the print request does not include the needed billing information, such as the user's name, payment information, delivery type, etc.

Swanson (U.S. Patent No. 2002/0013784 A1) discloses if there is a match in the service provider database for the selected web site, the service provider goes to the web site's url and provides the user's ID, password, and play list ID. The audio files on the identified web site are then transferred to the service provider server and streamed to the elastic buffer of the gateway and then streamed to the headset. Following the transfer of the audio file from the web site to the service provider server, the service provider operates in the normal operation mode discussed in connection.

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